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RECORD U.S. DRY PEA EXPORTS

U.S. dry pea and lentil exports reached the alltime high of 130,204 metric tons (2.9 million bags) in the marketing year ending July 31, 1965. This exceeded the previous year's 107,516 metric tons by 21 percent and the 1955-59 average of 57,221 metric tons by 128 percent.

Peas accounted for 108,000 tons of total 1964-65 exports and lentils 22,500 tons. Of the peas, approximately 9,000 tons were classified as seed; 53,000, green Alaska; and 46,000, yellow peas. Most of the increased exports were in yellow peas and lentils. Shipments of yellow peas were up 64 percent from the previous year's and 51 percent from 1960-61 levels; those of lentils, up 29 percent from the previous year's and 185 percent from 1960-61 levels.

For grean peas, exports were up less than one percent from 1963-64 figures, but 57 percent from the 1955-59 average. Exports of seed peas declined slightly.

U.S. peas and lentils were exported to 58 countries in 1964-65. The yellow peas category, which includes lentils 1/, has had slightly wider distribution than green peas. Yellow peas are favored in Latin America, green peas and lentils in Europe.

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1/ Exports of yellow peas and lentils were reported by the Census Bureau in a single, combined category until December 31, 1964. Lentil exports have been reported separately only for Northwest ports for a number of years, by the Pacific Northwest Pea Growers and Dealers Association, of Spokane, Washington. Most year, nearly all lentil exports pass through these ports.

Table 1.--ALL DRY PEAS: U.S. exports by destination, 1955-59
1960-61 to 1964-65 marketing years (August-July)

Destination	Marketing years					
	Average	1960-61	1961-62	1962-63	1963-64	1964-65
	1955-59					
	Metric tons	Metric tons	Metric tons	Metric tons	Metric tons	Metric tons
North America:						
Caribbean						
Bahamas	15	35	24	11	10	26
Barbados	63	76	173	310	141	751
Bermuda	22	8	226	7	--	31
Cuba	3,795	702	--	--	--	--
Dominican Republic	47	9	35	84	181	131
French West Indies	--	--	--	--	4	113
Jamaica	29	108	86	30	49	65
Leeward and Windward Islands	10	31	34	25	33	79
Netherlands Antilles	63	79	32	19	55	63
Trinidad and Tobago	1,739	4,279	3,516	2,522	3,236	3,176
Others	8	16	3	12	3	25
Total	5,791	5,343	4,129	3,020	3,712	4,460
Central America						
British Honduras	27	34	27	21	29	48
Canal Zone	30	21	31	15	--	--
Costa Rica	6	10	3	13	35	93
Guatemala	2	--	--	17	23	28
Honduras	3	2	10	10	3	11
Panama	503	1,026	558	923	866	1,184
Others	14	--	11	1	11	1
Total	585	1,093	640	1,000	967	1,365
Canada	3,250	5,154	5,754	6,943	6,366	5,002
Mexico	255	368	252	497	403	488
Total North America	9,881	11,958	10,775	11,460	11,448	11,315
South America:						
Argentina	26	68	5	7	147	8
Brazil	2,066	3,513	1,867	709	948	8,038
British Guiana	122	143	61	29	18	121
Chile	27	13	1	13	2	36
Colombia	341	31	2,022	4	2,971	30
Peru	509	460	941	1,518	2,212	3,289
Surinam	523	730	765	650	822	842
Uruguay	111	36	108	92	215	91
Venezuela	10,064	12,740	11,749	13,092	16,229	14,002
Others	--	--	12	3	39	--
Total	13,789	17,734	17,531	16,117	23,603	26,457
Europe:						
EEC						
Belgium-Luxembourg	1,170	1,269	1,676	1,458	3,159	3,655
France	80	42	173	451	2,196	3,034
Germany, West	4,166	7,377	10,339	16,053	11,245	11,076
Italy	445	546	275	1,712	3,524	2,580
Netherlands	2,059	4,544	5,968	8,063	6,760	16,444
Total EEC	7,920	13,778	18,431	27,737	26,884	36,789

Table 1.--ALL DRY PEAS: U.S. exports by destination, 1955-59
1960-61 to 1964-65 marketing years (August-July) (Continued)

Destination	Average 1955-59	Marketing years				
		1960-61	1961-62	1962-63	1963-64	1964-65
	Metric tons	Metric tons	Metric tons	Metric tons	Metric tons	Metric tons
Europe (Continued):						
Austria	--	55	20	105	7	142
Denmark	67	851	107	1,133	832	1,229
Finland	--	--	--	21	525	159
Greece	--	--	--	16	4	424
Iceland	164	208	261	239	243	176
Ireland	183	50	20	--	51	198
Norway	387	1,389	1,392	2,512	1,744	2,038
Spain	--	--	--	16	72	198
Sweden	681	2,471	1,004	3,330	1,928	1,128
Switzerland	893	1,725	727	1,657	1,402	1,829
United Kingdom	22,435	31,575	38,344	38,244	35,421	34,631
Others	5	11	15	13	2	1,239
Total	32,735	52,113	60,321	75,023	69,115	80,180
Asia:						
Hong Kong	204	211	399	480	243	458
Israel	145	66	35	115	104	268
Japan	19	43	710	3,453	1,946	9,523
Kuwait	19	64	22	51	61	87
Nansei and Nanpo Islands	39	70	79	120	91	137
Philippines Republic	229	264	381	357	356	401
Saudi Arabia	14	32	42	31	77	127
Others	5	27	26	35	24	159
Total	674	777	1,694	4,642	2,902	11,160
Other countries:						
Australia	20	20	--	79	345	620
Congo, Republic of	--	4	--	4	6	29
Egypt	4	10	3	7	5	--
French Pacific Islands	25	19	37	35	49	100
Liberia	5	14	54	11	5	27
New Zealand	33	12	28	31	26	31
Others	55	58	30	19	13	284
Total	142	137	152	186	449	1,091
Grand total	57,221	82,719	90,473	107,428	107,516	130,204

Table 2.--PEAS, DRY ALASKA AND OTHER SMOOTH GREEN KINDS: U.S. exports by destination, 1955-59 average, 1960-61 to 1964-65 marketing years (August-July)

Destination	Average 1955-59	Marketing years				
		1960-61	1961-62	1962-63	1963-64	1964-65
	Metric tons	Metric tons	Metric tons	Metric tons	Metric tons	Metric tons
North America:						
Caribbean:						
Bahamas	1	4	9	3	3	--
Barbados	5	--	9	5	--	61
Bermuda	5	8	22	6	--	3
Cuba	3,395	477	--	--	--	--
Dominican Republic	38	--	23	71	149	103
Jamaica	3	8	23	1	5	15
Leeward and Windward Islands	2	9	30	12	14	10
Netherlands Antilles	18	5	13	10	16	21
Trinidad and Tobago	160	60	13	11	36	10
Others	--	1	--	4	2	20
Total	3,627	572	142	123	225	243
Central America:						
Canal Zone	12	5	8	--	--	--
Costa Rica	5	4	1	3	10	85
Panama	21	56	73	32	20	19
Others	2	4	1	7	4	19
Total	40	69	83	42	34	123
Canada	302	531	620	499	564	357
Mexico	82	108	70	179	108	204
Total North America	4,051	1,280	915	843	931	927
South America:						
Argentina	3	54	--	--	--	--
Brazil	1,772	3,138	1,605	502	700	6,765
Chile	22	9	--	--	--	--
Colombia	140	--	--	2	39	--
Ecuador	--	--	--	--	14	--
Peru	457	435	926	986	1,842	2,987
Surinam	34	5	109	142	71	86
Uruguay	--	--	--	--	30	30
Venezuela	2,737	3,515	2,727	2,893	3,521	3,363
Others	4	--	--	--	--	12
Total	5,169	7,156	5,367	4,525	6,217	13,243
Europe:						
EEC:						
Belgium-Luxembourg	1,004	1,050	1,396	1,096	2,522	699
France	8	--	15	143	2,012	105
Germany, West	1,118	194	600	51	484	100
Italy	103	345	151	1,288	2,917	363
Netherlands	605	100	701	27	715	234
Total EEC	2,838	1,689	2,863	2,605	8,680	1,501
Denmark	--	--	--	50	--	210
Finland	--	--	--	20	495	115
Iceland	85	100	159	140	148	102
Ireland	174	--	20	--	--	20
Malta	4	--	15	--	--	--
Norway	159	120	180	445	514	720
Spain	--	--	--	--	9	51
Sweden	72	--	--	5	20	57
Switzerland	348	210	159	310	30	260
United Kingdom	20,279	26,854	34,702	32,955	33,056	30,935
Other	--	--	--	--	--	44
Total	23,959	28,973	38,098	36,530	42,952	34,015
Asia:						
Hong Kong	192	200	362	443	228	408
Iran	4	18	--	--	--	--
Israel	38	3	--	50	--	120
Japan	3	36	--	1,266	1,597	3,341
Kuwait	--	--	2	--	6	39
Malaysia	--	--	2	18	--	8
Nansei and Nampo Islands	34	70	79	120	86	119
Philippines Republic	114	134	223	308	254	374
Saudi Arabia	1	3	21	6	9	15
Others	--	--	10	4	--	1
Total	386	464	699	2,215	2,180	4,425
Other countries:						
Australia	20	20	--	--	246	268
French Pacific Islands	6	5	5	5	5	29
Liberia	1	7	47	--	--	6
New Zealand	--	--	--	5	--	--
South Africa, Republic of	32	10	--	--	--	--
Others	5	3	5	1	--	26
Total	64	45	57	11	251	329
Grand total	33,629	37,918	45,136	44,124	52,531	52,940

Table 3.--PEAS, DRY, YELLOW, OTHER 1/, AND LENTILS: U.S. exports by destination, 1955-59 average, 1960-61 to 1964-65 marketing years (August-July)

Destination	Marketing years					
	Average 1955-59	1960-61	1961-62	1962-63	1963-64	1964-65
	Metric tons	Metric tons	Metric tons	Metric tons	Metric tons	Metric tons
North America:						
Caribbean						
Bahamas	14	31	15	8	7	26
Barbados	58	76	164	305	141	690
Bermuda	17	--	204	1	--	28
Cuba	400	225	--	--	--	--
Dominican Republic	9	9	12	13	31	28
French West Indies	--	--	--	--	4	93
Jamaica	26	100	63	29	44	50
Leeward and Windward Islands	8	22	4	13	19	69
Netherlands Antilles	45	74	19	9	39	42
Trinidad and Tobago	1,579	4,219	3,503	2,511	3,200	3,166
Others	2	--	1	--	--	--
Total	2,158	4,756	3,985	2,889	3,485	4,192
Central America						
British Honduras	27	34	27	21	29	48
Canal Zone	18	16	23	15	--	--
Costa Rica	1	6	2	10	14	8
Honduras	3	2	10	10	3	8
Nicaragua	--	--	11	--	6	--
Panama	482	970	485	891	846	1,165
Others	12	3	--	--	1	1
Total	543	1,031	558	947	899	1,230
Canada	1,226	1,463	1,042	1,735	747	395
Mexico	93	203	140	248	200	183
Total North America	4,020	7,453	5,725	5,819	5,331	6,000
South America:						
Brazil	153	277	190	50	--	1,000
British Guiana	115	134	61	29	18	109
Colombia	198	23	1,995	2	2,901	6
French Guiana	--	--	--	3	25	--
Peru	51	23	9	522	365	246
Surinam	473	725	656	508	751	756
Venezuela	7,314	9,225	9,017	10,199	12,696	10,637
Others	10	--	12	--	--	28
Total	8,314	10,407	11,940	11,313	16,756	12,782
Europe:						
EEC						
Belgium-Luxembourg	117	196	137	253	558	2,919
France	2	33	107	249	56	2,764
Germany, West	2,943	6,952	8,891	15,402	10,681	10,687
Italy	272	50	--	289	150	1,441
Netherlands	1,396	4,182	5,000	7,873	5,895	15,878
Total EEC	4,730	11,413	14,135	24,066	17,340	33,689
Austria	--	55	20	105	--	140
Denmark	40	700	50	995	687	963
Finland	--	--	--	--	25	37
Germany, East	--	--	--	--	--	1,202
Greece	--	--	--	--	--	445
Iceland	79	108	102	99	95	74
Ireland	9	50	--	--	--	5
Norway	223	1,255	1,212	2,063	1,228	1,311
Spain	--	--	--	16	58	147
Sweden	278	1,483	369	2,841	1,339	609
Switzerland	372	1,412	518	1,443	1,113	1,455
United Kingdom	1,353	3,318	2,542	3,149	633	2,381
Total	7,084	19,794	18,948	34,477	22,518	42,428
Asia:						
Bahrain	--	--	--	--	3	1
Hong Kong	10	10	35	37	15	50
Israel	38	63	--	--	--	--
Japan	14	--	700	1,687	303	5,952
Kuwait	19	64	20	51	55	48
Nansei and Nampo Islands	5	--	--	--	--	--
Philippines Republic	109	129	157	49	54	27
Saudi Arabia	13	29	21	25	68	112
Others	1	4	10	--	1	14
Total	209	299	943	1,849	499	6,204
Other countries:						
Australia	--	--	--	72	93	350
British West Pacific Islands	--	--	--	--	--	113
Egypt	4	10	3	7	5	--
French Pacific Islands	19	14	32	30	44	71
Guinea	--	--	--	--	--	113
Liberia	4	7	7	11	5	21
Others	2	17	--	14	19	15
Total	29	48	42	134	166	683
Grand total	19,656	38,001	37,598	53,592	45,270	68,099
Lentils	n.a.	7,906	8,088	19,282	17,423	22,543
Total yellow and "other" peas	n.a.	30,095	29,510	34,310	27,847	45,556

1/ Effective January 1, 1965, yellow peas and lentils were removed from the category heretofore included in this table. A new category previously designated "cowpeas and chickpeas" was added. Thus, the year 1964-65 is not strictly comparable with previous years. The effect of this has been minimized in these tables, however, by adding lentils and yellow peas back in for the period January-July 1965. It is not possible to adjust for the "cowpeas-chickpeas" category, but this seems relatively insignificant. Exports in that category have not reached 2,500 tons in any of the last four full years.

Table 4--SEED PEAS: U.S. exports by destination, 1955-59 average,
1960-61 to 1964-65 marketing years (August-July)

Destination	Average 1955-59	Marketing years				
		1960-61	1961-62	1962-63	1963-64	1964-65
	Metric tons	Metric tons	Metric tons	Metric tons	Metric tons	Metric tons
North America:						
Canada	1,722	3,160	4,092	4,709	5,055	4,250
Costa Rica	--	--	--	--	11	--
Guatemala	2	--	--	17	23	12
Mexico	80	57	42	70	95	101
Others	6	8	1	2	2	25
Total	1,810	3,225	4,135	4,798	5,186	4,388
South America:						
Argentina	23	14	5	7	147	8
Brazil	141	98	72	157	248	273
Chile	--	4	1	13	2	36
Colombia	3	8	27	--	31	24
Peru	1	2	6	10	5	56
Uruguay	106	36	108	92	185	33
Venezuela	13	--	5	--	12	2
Others	19	9	--	--	--	--
Total	306	171	224	279	630	432
Europe:						
EEC						
Belgium-Luxembourg	49	23	143	109	49	37
France	70	9	51	59	128	165
Germany, West	105	231	848	600	80	289
Italy	70	151	124	135	457	776
Netherlands	58	262	267	163	150	332
Total EEC	352	676	1,433	1,066	864	1,599
Austria	--	--	--	--	7	2
Denmark	27	151	57	88	145	56
Finland	--	--	--	1	5	7
Greece	--	--	--	16	4	--
Ireland	1	2	--	10	51	173
Norway	5	14	--	4	2	7
Sweden	331	988	635	484	569	462
Switzerland	173	103	50	204	259	114
United Kingdom	803	1,403	1,100	2,140	1,732	1,315
Others	--	9	--	3	7	2
Total	1,692	3,346	3,275	4,016	3,645	3,737
Asia:						
India	--	--	--	--	--	125
Israel	69	--	35	65	104	148
Japan	2	7	10	500	46	230
Nansei and Nanpo Islands	--	--	--	--	5	18
Philippines Republic	6	1	1	--	48	--
Syria	--	--	--	--	14	--
Others	2	6	5	13	6	9
Total	79	14	51	578	223	530
Other countries:						
Australia	--	--	--	7	6	2
New Zealand	33	12	28	26	26	31
Others	16	32	26	8	--	45
Total	49	44	54	41	32	78
Grand total	3,936	6,800	7,739	9,712	9,716	9,165

Out of 53,000 tons of green Alaska peas exported in 1964-65, 34,000 went to Europe, 31,000 of those to the United Kingdom, where they are canned. Latin America took 13,200 tons of green peas. Of this, about half were sold to Brazil under the first Public Law 480, Title I, program for dry peas. Venezuela and Peru were the two largest importers of green peas in Latin America.

Of 45,500 tons of yellow peas and 22,500 tons of lentils exported in 1964-65, Europe took nearly two-thirds. Most of the lentils went to Europe, with Germany and the Netherlands taking the largest amount. Venezuela and Trinidad are the leading importers of yellow peas in Latin America. Canada and the European Economic Community (EEC) are the main importers of U.S. seed peas.

An important uptrend is notable in each kind of peas exported. Seed exports have more than doubled since the early 1950's. Green peas shipments have risen nearly 56 percent, while those of yellow have more than doubled, those of lentils, almost tripled.

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